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APPLICANT: Qingbin DONG et al. CONF.: 1384
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FOR: A METHOD OF ANALGESIA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 4, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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Claims 1-22 are pending in the application, and stand rejected.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Over Pan '975

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Pan '975 (US Patent 5,846,975). Applicants traverse this rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof for the reasons set forth below.

The present invention pertains to a method and composition for treating pain that entails administering a sodium channel-